

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2004
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the January 6, 2004, and the joint meeting with the County Commissioners of January 14, 2004, were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Attended the annual Dr. Martin Luther King celebration at the Mt. Zion church in Connersville.
- Last week attended the "Newly Elected Officials" training in Indianapolis. Some of the topics covered were finance, personnel, budgets as well as peer networking groups. You will be receiving information on training that will extend throughout the year, and if you attend a designated number of sessions and an IACT conference you will receive the distinction of a "certified public official". Bridges distributed the IACT elected officials manual and also a copy of the codified city ordinances.
- Scheduled a training session regarding tax abatement next Tuesday, January 27, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council chambers, 270 W 15th Street.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Animal – Jack Hill handed out his annual report to Council. Hill also thanked Councilman McGowan for preparing the report.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Insurance/Kevin Mandrell – Mandrell gave an overview of the rates for the renewal of dental and medical insurance. The dental renewal is an increase of 6%. The medical renewal is an increase of 15.87%. Mandrell gave the following statistics:

- 52 employees were insured
- 113 members insured
- 16 met their deductible
- 12 families met their deductible
- 4 met their out of pocket maximum

Mandrell recommended to Council to consider option #61, which would be an increase of 11.5%. The differences in this option as compared to what employees receive now are as follows:

- Out of Pocket maximum is increased from \$1500.00-\$3000.00 to \$2000.00 - \$4000.00
- Office visit from \$15.00 per visit to \$20.00 per visit.

A decision will be made at the February 3 meeting. The new rates will be effective March 1, 2004.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Public Hearing Community Focus Funds – Mayor Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding Community Focus Funds. Trena Carter from Ara was present to answer any concerns. The area that the funds would be used for is the area to be annexed of Waits Addition and Rush View Mobile Homes.

Betty Wyatt lives in Waits Addition and said that they need it desperately. She said every time it rains they have problems.

Kim Curtis also said the problem is really bad and needs to be taken care of.

Bridges suggested if the residents could provide any pictures of the area it would be very helpful.

Carter said this would have no adverse affect on the Rural Development Grant, but this would be in addition to it. There being no further comments from the Common Council Minutes

audience or Council, Byrne made a motion to close the public hearing. Sheehan seconded the motion. The public hearing was declared closed.

Public Hearing Vacating Alley/Billy Evans – Mayor Bridges declared the meeting open for public hearing to vacate the alley in the 600 block of East 8th Street. There were no comments or concerns from the audience. Sheehan made a motion to close the public hearing. Fields seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

Sheehan made a motion to approve the vacation of the alley. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried. Newhouse will prepare the Ordinance for the next meeting.

Resolution 2004-2 Submission of CFF Application – McGowan made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-2. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2004-2 Amending Edit Tax – Pavey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-2 amending the Edit tax. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2004-3 Authorizing the Commitment of Funding (\$50,000.00) from the Economic Development Income Tax Fund – Pavey made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-3. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

16th Street Project – Mike Walren, from Butler Fairman explained to Council that the Board of Works approved the Agreement for Services for the 16th Street Project, which includes survey, design, right-of-way services and construction inspection for the improvement of 16th Street from State Road 3 to Jackson Street, and 16th Street extension from Jackson Street to Spencer Street, and improvement of Spencer Street from 16th Street to 11th Street. This is Phase I of the project not to exceed \$187,000.00.

Assignment of Mortgage of Wilson Estates – Sheehan made a motion to approve the assignment of the mortgage of Wilson Estates for the remaining 5 lots. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pavey made a motion to pay the claim for the mortgage to Mainsource in the sum of \$20,604.25. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Fields seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER